various Voluntary Health Agencies to the existing infrastructure in the DGHS; and

(c) whether Government are aware that majority of the Voluntary Organisations are hesitant to deal with archaic ways of DGHS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) A National Workshop of Voluntary Organisations was held at New Delhi in January 1988 on the Role of Voluntary Organisations in Health Care Delivery. Further deliberations of this workshop continued through working groups set up under the Chairmanship of Additional Director General (Public Health). The working groups met twice and evolved provisional recommendations and suggested the setting up a penal. Government have accordingly decided to set up a Steering Committee.

Preparation of Drugs by Synthesis of Chiral Compounds

2195. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drugs prepared by synthesis of Chiral compounds will not contain unwanted molecules responsible for complication and side effects; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The information is being collected from the Ministry of Science & Technology and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Missing Beta Ray Eye Applicator from AIIMS, New Delhi

2196. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that highly radioactive source, strontium 90 beta ray eye applicator has been missing from Dr. R. P. Centre for Opthalmic Sciences at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi for over four years;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted in the matter; if so, with what results; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre of Bombay have taken a serious view of this lapse and if so, what step are being taken to trace the source?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) A Beta Ray Eye Applicator Strontium 90 (SR-90) was purchased by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi in June, 1959. It was supplied to erstwhile Department of Ophthalmology in March, 1960. In 1968, its clinical efficacy was found to be inadequate and was, therefore, sent to Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Bombay for recaliberation. On scrutiny at the BARC, it was found that the emission was reduced from 50 to 42.72 rads/sec. and the distribution of the dose on the surface was not uniform. The Beta Ray Applicator however, was

continued to be used by increasing the exposure time till 1984. A new Beta Ray Applicator was purchased and the old one was sent back to the Stores. In August, 1984, along with other instruments, Beta Ray Applicator was passed for condemnation in the meeting of the Condemnation Board of the Institute held on 10.8.1984 and was then sent to the Central Stores Depot, AIIMS, New Delhi. The condemned applicator was auctioned along with other articles on 4.2.1985 as surgical scraps to Shri Adbul Zabbar, DDA Colony, Turkman Gate, Delhi, who on contact, has stated that he does not *keep material with him and disposes* off as early as possible and does not keep any record of the same.

(c) An inquiry has been ordered to fix responsibility for violation of safety rules.

(d) Yes. All efforts have been made to locate the Eye Applicator in the premises of the person to whom it had been auctioned but it is unlikely to be traced because the radiation would be very low to be detected. The health hazard aspect has been very carefully examined by the experts (Radiation Safety Committee, AIIMS.) It is understood that it is not a public health hazard.

Non-Sanctioning of House Building/ Car Advances to Doctors serving in the Delhi Cantonment Board

2197. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that doctors serving in the Delhi Cantonment Board are not sanctioned House building and car advances;

(b) if so, whether their counterparts in the CGHS, the Delhi Administration and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi are getting the same advances;

(c) whether the Central Government have taken any steps to remove this discrimination; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The matter regarding grant of House Building and Car advances to Cantonment Board employees was considered by the Government and could not be approved as the employees are not covered under existing orders and also due to lack of sufficient resources.

Setting up of frequency communication station of the eastern command at Tirunelveli

2198. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GUPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether their is any proposal to set up frequency communication station of the Eastern Command at Tirunelveli;

(b) if so, what will be the estimated expenditure;

(c) whether the work on it has begun; and

(d) by when the project will be ready?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (d) A communication station in Tirunelveli District, at an estimated cost of Rs. 120 crores, is nearing completion.